

CLAIMS

1. A pressurized aerosol for treating foot and/or shoe odors comprising:
- a) micronized zinc oxide;
 - b) a propellant for expelling the contents of the aerosol when the
 - 5 pressure is released; and
 - c) a solvent.
2. The aerosol of claim 1 wherein the amount of micronized zinc oxide in the aerosol is in the range from about 0.5 to about 15% by weight.
3. The aerosol of claim 1 wherein the amount of micronized zinc oxide in the
- 10 aerosol is in the range from about 2 to about 12% by weight.
4. The aerosol of claim 1 wherein the amount of micronized zinc oxide in the aerosol is in the range from about 3 to about 10% by weight.
5. The aerosol of claim 1 wherein the average particle size of the micronized zinc oxide is in the range from about 26 to about 46 nanometers.
- 15 6. The aerosol of claim 1 wherein the average particle size of the micronized zinc oxide is in the range from about 30 to about 40 nanometers.
7. The aerosol of claim 1 wherein the average particle size of the micronized zinc oxide is in the range from about 35 to 37 nanometers.
8. The aerosol of claim 1, further comprising
- 20 d) a fragrance to help mask any foot odors and/or provide a more pleasant odor to the foot or shoe.
9. The aerosol of claim 8, further comprising
- e) a thickening agent capable of thickening the contents of the aerosol.
10. The aerosol of claim 9, further comprising
- 25 g) a base to help neutralize any organic or inorganic acids.
11. A concentrate useful for treating foot and/or shoe odors comprising
- i) micronized zinc oxide;
 - ii) at least one solvent;
 - iii) at least one fragrance.

12. The concentrate of claim 11 wherein the amount of micronized zinc oxide in the concentrate is in the range from about 1 to about 90% by weight.

13. The concentrate of claim 11 wherein the amount of micronized zinc oxide in the concentrate is in the range from about 10 to about 50% by weight.

5 14. The concentrate of claim 11 wherein the amount of micronized zinc oxide in the concentrate is in the range from about 15 to about 45% by weight.

15. The concentrate of claim 11 further comprising

iv) at least one thickening agent.

16. The concentrate of claim 15 further comprises

10 v) a base to neutralize any organic or inorganic acids.

17. A method for treating foot or shoe odors by applying to said foot or shoe a concentrate comprising:

i) micronized zinc oxide;

ii) at least one solvent;

15 iii) at least one fragrance.

18. The method of claim 17 further comprising

iv) at least one thickening agent.

19. The method of claim 18 further comprising

v) a base to neutralize any organic or inorganic acids.

20 20. The method of claim 17 wherein said concentrate is contained within an pressurized aerosol and admixed with a propellant for expelling the contents of the aerosol when the pressure is released.